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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

Parent Information link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 November 2015)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2015	3	4	7
2016	643	186	829
2017	784	237	1021
2018	837	227	1064
2019	852	294	1146
WING	3119	948	4067

- ❖ 56 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:

19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16)
17 Dec 15 – 3 Jan 16	Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on 3 Jan 16)
11 Feb 16	100s Night (Class of 2016)
10 – 12 Mar 16	Recognition (Class of 2019)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)
18 -27 Mar 16	Prep School Spring Break (released LMD/return by 7pm on 27 Mar 16)
15-20 May 16	Finals
24 May 16	Prep School Graduation
27 May 16	Ring Dance
2 Jun 16	2016 Graduation
4 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Begins
24 Jun 16	1 st Summer Session Ends
25 Jun 16	2 nd Summer Session Begins
30 Jun 16	Class of 2020 In-Processes
15 Jul 16	2 nd Summer Session Ends
16 Jul 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends
6 Aug 16	3 rd Summer Session Ends

WAYS TO SEND YOUR LOVE TO YOUR CADET: There are several ways to send gifts to your cadet.

1. **Cadet Treats:** Petal and Bloom, <http://petalsnblooms.com/index.php>, 719-472-8589 the base flower shop took over for the 10 FSS Cadet Treats in 2014. They not only do flowers but goodies as well. Check out their website: petalsbloom.com.

NOTE: **LOCAL** deliveries can be sent to **ARNOLD HALL** for your cadet to pick up. Sorry it can't be a surprise. (online orders sent by FEDEX etc... must still go to the Cadet Post Office) Arnold Hall address is 10 FSS/FSL, 2302 Cadet Dr., USAFA, CO 80840. Please ensure your cadet's name and Squadron are on the delivery receipt so Arnold Hall staff can contact your cadet for pickup.

2. Gift cards for Cadets/Cadet Candidates:

AAFES (Exchange or cadet store): These cards can be used at the Cadet Store, Arnold Hall (Subway, Godfather's Pizza & Wing Zone), & the Base Exchange store as well. Parents can call (719) 472-1953 (Bonnie) and order an Exchange gift card for their cadets. The Exchange will either mail to the parent, parents can tell the cadet to pick up the gift card at the Cadet Store, or lastly they will e-mail the cadet and have them come and get the gift card.

10 Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) Gift Cards: These cards can be used at the Arnold Hall coffee shop, HAPS, and all 10 FSS activities (Outdoor Recreation, Bowling Alley, Golf Course, Horseback riding, Arts & Crafts center etc...) Parents can call (719) 472-7930 and order a gift card for their cadets. They will either mail to the parents or parents can tell the cadet to pick up the gift card at the coffee shop in Arnold Hall.

CADET SURVIVOR GUIDE: 10th Force Support Squadron has a helpful guide on things the unit has to support the Cadets. It is online at the following Link. Look under Cadet Life and look for the Cadet Survival Guide. <http://www.usafasupport.com/home.html>.

PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS:

The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page, for free?

FB: www.facebook.com/USAF.Academy

Twitter: @AF_Academy

Instagram: AF_Academy

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at 719-333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the **USAFA webpage**. You can gain access from our website, <http://www.usafa.af.edu/> and go to the Military tab, cadet photos and select class year.

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm>

UPCOMING BREAK INFORMATION:

Winter Break/Spring Break Procedures (normally): (Shuttle Info will be sent out through Parent Clubs when released)

Winter Break:

Cadets: The official release is 19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16 for Cadets. The cadets/cadet candidates will normally be able to leave anytime on 19 Dec 15. That being said, you need to check with your cadet. If they take their last final on say Wednesday, then they can leave after their final with Commander's permission (standard release is given). Your cadet can go into the computer system here (CAMIS) and look up each of his or her classes (hopefully sometime in September) and see when their finals are. Cadets will not be allowed to move up finals for airline tickets. Also the return date is 5 Jan 16 by 7pm. Cadets should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested. **Prep School** Release date is 17 Dec at 9:00 am with a return 3 Jan 16.

Spring Break: Spring break for Cadets is 18 – 27 Mar 16. The cadets will normally be able to leave after the last military duty (LMD). Cadets should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Shuttle Rides to Airports: For the main breaks from the Academy (Thanksgiving, Winter, & Spring Break) the 10th Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) Outdoor Recreation Office (719) 333-4602, has shuttle buses (for a cost) that will take the cadets and cadet candidates (Prep School) to Colorado Springs and Denver Airports (schedule is normally out some time in September and I will send out as soon as I get them). **NOTE: For summer break** there are no shuttle rides provided by 10 FSS. Cadets are on their own to get to airports. Please don't wait to purchase shuttle bus tickets once Cadet Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations.

Shuttle information from DIA to Colorado Springs (not from 10 Force Support Squadron for Summer Break). These shuttles don't normally come directly to USAFA, but to a hotel in Colorado Springs. **No**

endorsement of the following shuttles is being given by USAFA. It is for information only to get you started. Check the internet for more options.

1. Front Range Shuttle (direct to airports): <http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/>, (719) 237-2646.
2. Colorado Springs shuttle: <https://www.coloradoshuttle.com/prices-schedules>, 1-877-587-3456, (719) 687-3456, Reservations: reservations@coloradoshuttle.com
3. A Ride in Luxury: <http://arideinluxury.com/colorado-airport-transportation/>, 1-800-813-9916, (719) 243-3365
4. A & B Limo Towncar: <http://www.cartotheairportdenver.com/colorado-springs-to-dia/>, (303) 578-4802.

TAXI information for USAFA access before or after Visiting Hours: For your information the following taxis have already been approved access to the installation before or after duty hours. So your cadet can call them to get to the airport or local hotel to catch a shuttle to Denver airport during non-visiting hours.

1. Yellow Cab, (719) 777-7777, <http://www.yccos.com/community.html> has approval access to the base. Other cab companies would have to have a driver that already has a military Identification (retired military) to gain access the installation after visiting hours (0900- 1700 hours every day)
2. Springs Cab, (719) 444-8686

(See next page for Winter Bus Schedules)

2015 CADET WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus tickets will go on sale starting October 13 thru December 4, 2015. All seats sold after DEC 4 sold on space available basis. Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes. Please call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand.

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

14 DEC 2015: 1300, 1600, 1800

15 DEC 2015: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

16 DEC 2015: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

17 DEC 2015: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800

18 DEC 2015: 0400, 0800

RETURN 05 JAN 2016: 1100, 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 13 Oct 2015 – 4 Dec 2015
ROUND TRIP	\$45.00
ONE WAY	\$30.00

COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

14 DEC 2015: 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

15 DEC 2015: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

16 DEC 2015: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

17 DEC 2015: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815

18 DEC 2015: 0415, 0815

RETURN 04 JAN 2016: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 13 Oct 2015 – 4 Dec 2015
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

- 1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

- 1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
- 2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.
- 3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.
- 4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release or cadets LMD changes.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM IC15 (719) 333-4602

***Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person,
Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a MC or VISA.
Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed, Weekends and Holidays**

***Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation**

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2015 PREP SCHOOL WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting Tues, Oct 13 thru Dec 4, 2015

No refunds or changes after Dec 4, 2015

All seats sold after Nov 4 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 17: 0930

RETURN 3 Jan 16: 1430



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 13 Oct 2015 – 4 Dec 2015
ROUND TRIP	\$45.00
ONE WAY	\$30.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Nov 25: 0945

RETURN 3 Jan 16: 1430

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 13 Oct 2015 – 4 Dec 2015
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

- 3) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 4) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

- 5) Prep Buses leave from the Prep school parking lot ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Students are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all luggage looks the same.
- 6) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.
- 7) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM IC15 (719) 333-4602

Parents or Prep school students may purchase a bus ticket by phone with a MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

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Helpful Websites/POCs:

Life Touch photos: POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

Cadet Wing Media: (719) 333-4644

Academic Calendar website: (2015/2016 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111208-035.pdf>

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop) 719-472-8589, petalsnblooms.com

Gift Cards order phone numbers: Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (472-1953); 10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

Central Email for Prep School Questions: PrepInfo@usafa.edu

Link: <http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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